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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chiefs of Divisions and Staffs

SUBJECT : Personal Names Studies

1. The recent publication of a Russian language Personal Names Study represents the completion of the thirty-sixth in a continuing series constituting the chapters of a Personal Names Handbook. Each chapter consists of a Personal Names Study of a different language, prepared under the guidance of the RID Names Handbook Officer.

2. As a matter of interest, these studies are made available through the Library of Congress to other U. S. Government agencies and to the public at large, with attribution to CIA as the compiler. Thirty-one studies were submitted to the Library a year ago; however, only nine are known to be actually available for Library dissemination at this time. The studies have been well received as sources of authoritative information about personal names in foreign languages. A list of the languages already covered is attached. Eventual coverage of some twenty more is planned.

3. It has become evident that a number of CS employees engaged in personal name processing, to whom these studies have considerable potential value, are unaware of the existence of the Handbook. They should be advised that copies of individual studies may be obtained from the DDP Publications Control Group, [redacted] and they should be encouraged to discuss with the RID Names Handbook Officer, Ext. 6033, the priority of their requirements for new chapters and suggestions as to dissemination and exploitation of the studies at Headquarters and in the field. Their assistance is also solicited in identifying and establishing channels to other agencies or individual U. S. Government personnel who might contribute to personal names studies as well as find the completed chapters useful.

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**Chief,
Operational Services**

**Attachment:
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